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SUBJECT: MBFR: OPTION 3 - FURTHER EQUIPMENT REDUCTIONS

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1. WE NOTE USNATO RECOMMENDATION IN REFTEL THAT, IN ORDER TO FACILITATE GERMAN AGREEMENT TO OPTION 3, THE US SHOULD GO ALONG WITH THE GERMAN DESIRE THAT THE OPTION 3 SUPPLEMENT STATE EXPLICITLY THAT REDUCTIONS OF NON-US ALLIED EQUIPMENT IN PHASE II ARE UNACCEPTABLE TO NATO.

2. WE WOULD URGE THAT THIS MATTER BE CONSIDERED VERY CAREFULLY. NO MATTER WHAT STRICTURES ARE PLACED ON ITS USE, IT IS ONLY REALISTIC TO ASSUME THAT THE MATERIAL IN THE SUPPLEMENT WHICH HAS TO DO WITH OBLIGATIONS BY NON-US

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WESTERN PARTICIPANTS WILL EVENTUALLY BE USED WITH

THE EAST, AS HAS BEEN THE CASE WITH ALMOST THE ENTIRE CONTENT OF THAT SECTION OF THE BASIC NATO DOCUMENT CM(73)83 WHICH ALLIES PREVIOUSLY AGREED SHOULD NOT BE USED WITH THE EAST. MOST RECENT CASE WAS WHEN FRG REP ARGUED TO EAST THAT PHASE II REDUCTION COMMITMENTS MUST BE COLLECTIVE.

3. IF, INSTEAD OF REFUSING TO MAKE ANY COMMENT ON PHASE II, SOME ALLIED REPS BEGIN TO STATE IN VIENNA AFTER OPTION 3 IS TABLED THAT THERE WILL BE NO REDUCTIONS OF NON-US NATO ARMAMENTS IN PHASE II AS WELL AS IN PHASE I, OTHER WESTERN REPS WILL BE REQUIRED TO CONFIRM THIS STATEMENT IF NATO HAS ALREADY TAKEN A DEFINITIVE POSITION ON IT IN THE SUPPLEMENT. IF THIS HAPPENS, THE EAST WILL IN EFFECT HAVE BEEN TOLD IN A MAJOR FIELD OF EASTERN INTEREST THAT THE WEST IS NOT WILLING TO REDUCE WESTERN EUROPEAN ARMAMENTS OR ACCEPT LIMITATIONS ON THEM IN EITHER PHASE I OR PHASE II. THIS DISCOVERY WILL NOT ONLY MAKE PHASING EVEN LESS ACCEPTABLE TO THE EAST. IT WILL SIGNIFICANTLY DIMINISH THE NEGOTIATING IMPACT OF OPTION 3 AS SUCH AND PLACE IN QUESTION THE ACHIEVEMENT OF PHASE I WESTERN REDUCTION GOALS.

4. THE US HAS NOW GIVEN THE GERMANS SATISFACTION ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ISSUE OF WESTERN EUROPEAN ARMAMENT REDUCTIONS IN PHASE II (PARA 4, STATE 248364). TO GO FURTHER AND INCLUDE A DEFINITIVE ALLIANCE DECISION ON THIS IN THE OPTION 3 SUPPLEMENT WOULD IN ITS AFTERMATH JEOPARDIZE THE GERMAN INTEREST IN MAINTAINING PHASING AS WELL AS OVERALL ALLIED NEGOTIATING AIMS. IF STILL NECESSARY, A STATEMENT COULD BE INSERTED IN THE SUPPLEMENT ALONG THE LINES IN MBFR VIENNA 0477, PARA 7. BUT THE US SHOULD MAINTAIN THE POSITION THAT THE NAC SHOULD NOT CROSS THE LINE OF MAKING DEFINITIVE DECISIONS NOW REGARDING PHASE II.

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